



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of New York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

Hachim RACHID)

Case No. 8:17-MJ-582 (GLF)

Defendant)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of December 29, 2017, in the county of Clinton in the Northern District of New York the defendant violated:

Code Section

8 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(1)

Offense Description

Improper entry by an alien, any alien who enters or attempts to enter the United States at any time or place other than as designated by immigration officers.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Matthew Robischon, Border Patrol Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: December 30, 2017

Judge's signature

City and State: Plattsburgh, New York

Hon. Gary L. Favro, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

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On December 29, 2017, Swanton Sector dispatch, also known as "KAD 640", advised agents that a citizen on Locust Street, which is an extension of Perry Mills Road, in the Town of Champlain reported that a Virginia plated black sport utility vehicle (SUV) had pulled into his driveway and the driver asked him how to get to Glass Road. Glass Road is a north/south border road. A short time later, "KAD 640" reported images of a subject walking southbound from the United States/Canada border in the vicinity of Glass Road. Glass Road is approximately two (2) miles to the west of the Champlain Port of Entry and only a three (3) minute drive to Locust Street.

Agent Mark Grabda initiated surveillance of Glass Road and watched as a SUV drove up Glass Road from Perry Mills Road, turn around and travel back towards Perry Mills Road in the span of just a few minutes.

Agent Grabda initiated a vehicle stop on a Virginia plated black sport utility vehicle (VYY4270) near the intersection of Perry Mills Road and Missile Base Road, identified himself as a United States Border Patrol Agent and questioned the subjects as to their citizenship.

The passenger was identified Hachim RACHID who is a national of Saudi Arabia and a citizen of Mali. A fingerprint search of RACHID in Department of Homeland Security databases show that RACHID has never been admitted to the United States. Department of State records show that he was denied a United States visa. RACHID was in possession of a Canadian Rail ticket in his name which was dated December 27, 2017.

After the vehicle stop, BPA's Smith and DeLeon followed one set of footprints from the border southbound approximately 200 yards to the edge of Glass Road and it was at this point the footprints vanished.

RACHID's backpack was covered in burdocks and his boots and socks appeared to be semi-frozen. Not long after his arrest, RACHID was treated and released for cold exposure at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital.

RACHID is a citizen of Mali who illegally entered the United States at a place not designated as a port of entry and United States immigration records show that RACHID has never received a visa or any other kind of United States immigration documents that would allow him to enter legally.